required to be levied on "Most Favoured Nation" (MFN) basis. However, in derogation of MFN duties, EU grants concessional treatment under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) to various developing countries. India is also one of the beneficiaries for GSP on floriculture which is figuring in the list of sensitive/very sensitive items and attracts a duty of 70%/85% of the applied MFN rate on exports of floriculture to EU. Under the EU GSP Scheme, exports from least developed countries (LDCs) and some other countries facing special problems enjoy better concessions than India.

(c) and (d). India has requested European Union for better GSP treatment.

Implementation of 10th Finance Commission Report

1170. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVIN CHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has recommended to implement the 10th Finance Commission's recommendation regarding the pooling of all Central Taxes for sharing with the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed for it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). The Planning Commission is not required to make any recommendation regarding the implementation of the Finance Commission's recommendations.

The recommendation of the 10th Finance Commission regarding pooling of the Central taxes for sharing with the States, is under examination by the Government of India and it also entails consultation with States.

National Judicial Academy

1171. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) when the National Judicial Academy was constituted and the details of its members and terms of reference;

(b) the details of works undertaken by the Academy since its constitution;

(c) whether a study team has been constituted to study the arrears of cases pending before the High Courts, Subordinate Courts and Supreme Court;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when this team is expected to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) The National Judicial Academy was registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi on 17th August, 1993 and the Academy has come into existence with effect from that date. The Governing Council of the Academy has the following members :-

(i) Chief Justice of India	-	Chairman
(ii) Two Member Judges of Supreme Court	-	Member
(iii) Secretary (Justice)	-	Member
(iv) Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs	-	Member
(v) Secretary, Department of Expenditure	-	Member
(vi) Registrar General, Supreme Court of India	-	Member/ Convenor

The National Judicial Academy is required inter alia to provide training to the Judicial Officers of the States/UTs, study the Court Management and the Administration of Justice in the States/UTs and suggest improvement to the said system, and collaborate in promoting study of Court management with other institutions both within the country and abroad.

(b) The Academy is functioning from Delhi and takes up such programmes which can be handled from Delhi without the need for an infrastructural facility of its own. A training programme on "Court Administration" for Registry personnel has been conducted with experts from Californian Institute and National Informatics Centre in October, 1996 at Andhra Pradesh Judicial Academy, Hyderabad. An orientation course on 'Gender and Law' for State Judicial Officers was conducted in March-April, 1996 at the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. It is proposed to arrange a dialogue on 'Regional Perspective on Gender Equality' at India International Centre, New Delhi in January, 1997.

(c) to (e). To improve Court Management with a view to speeding up disposal of pending cases at all levels, the Academy has set up a Study Team headed by its Director General. The Study Team will prepare a package of proposals for the improved functioning of Courts with particular emphasis on introduction and utilisation of modern court management techniques.

The Report on Court related ADR system would be finalised soon for implementation.

Criminalisation of Politics

1172. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are contemplating any